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February 26, 2013

MEMORANDUM

TO:

The Members of the Commission

Hearing Examiner Mark Lawrence

FROM: Robert J. Howatt, Executive Director

SUBJECT:

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATIONS

OF CHESAPEAKE UTILITIES

CORPORATION FOR APPROVAL OF

NATURAL GAS EXPANSION SERVICE

OFFERINGS

(FILED JUNE 25, 2012)

PSC DOCKET NO. 12-292

Enclosed is a letter from the Staff Attorney requesting a delay in the consideration of the Hearing Examiner's Report that was issued on February 6, 2013 and which was originally scheduled for Commission consideration on March 5, 2013.

The Staff Attorney reports that the Company has met with several Staff members to discuss substantive modification to its Application. It is Staffs' understanding that the Company will be proposing additional modifications to a proposed settlement position that was originally provided on December 20, 2012 and will be requesting another workshop to discuss the proposed changes.

Since there appears to be substantial progress on this Docket it may be premature to consider the Hearing Examiner's Report on March 5, 2013 and I am delaying such consideration, pending continued progress within the working group. While there was considerable effort on the part of the Hearing Examiner in responding to the DPA's motion to close, I would ask that the Hearing Examiner toll the Exception filing date of February 26, 2013 until such time as the DPA requests consideration of the Report before the Commission.

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Enclosure

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